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SUBJ: FORCE LEVELS IN THAILAND

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1. APPRECIATE INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTTEL. CHATCHAI DID ASK ABOUT TIMING FOR CONSULTATIONS ON U.S. FORCE LEVELS WHEN I SAT BESIDE HIM AT DINNER APRIL 3. I TOLD HIM WE WERE WORKING IT AND WOULD BE READY TO TALK TOWARD THE END OF NEXT WEEK. HE MADE NO COMMENT.

2. FOLLOWING ON HIS EARLIER COMMENT (BANGKOK 5224) THAT

CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE HELD IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY RATHER THAN SUPREME COMMAND, CHATCHAI SAID HE WOULD PROBABLY CHAIR GROUP ON THAI SIDE. IF SO, I WILL CHAIR U.S. TEAM. DIFFICULTY IN THIS IS THAT CHATCHAI BLABS EVERYTHING TO THE PRESS, SO HARD-HEADED NEGOTIATING WILL BE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF WE CAN GO INTO THE DISCUSSIONS WITH A REALISTIC PROPOSAL

AND STICK TO IT.
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